# Homeschool Days

Want to learn more about life in Early America? Explore history through the lense of Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the social, political, and business center of Alexandria. Each program features an in-depth tour, examination of primary sources and objects, and hands-on activities focused on the month's theme. All programs are from 1-2:30 p.m. with check-in beginning at 12:45 p.m. Designed for family groups, recommended for ages 6 and up.

\$8 per child, adults free. Limited space available; pre-registration required.

Register online at shop.alexandriava.gov.



### January 14 The Science of Ice

Explore the importance of ice to the  $18^{\text{th}}$ -century City Hotel while learning about the science behind preserving ice before refrigeration. Time includes special hands-on work with a guest scientist.



#### February 11 Celebrating George Washington's Birthday

In honor of George Washington's birthday, learn how the citizens of Alexandria would celebrate his birthday in the late 1790s right here at Gadsby's Tavern. Includes examination of reproduction clothing and a dance lesson.



#### **April 1 Thomas Jefferson's Travel Tips**

Math, reading, and history come together as students explore Thomas Jefferson's letter outlining a travel route from DC to Monticello. Includes a more in-depth look at travel accommodations at Gadsby's Tavern and math challenge as students decipher Jefferson's instructions.



## May 13 Architecture Walking Tour

In honor of Preservation Month, explore the built environment of Old Town Alexandria. Walking tour includes discussion of 18th and 19th-century architectural styles as well as the societal and technological changes that influenced them. Tour concludes with handson activity at Gadsby's Tavern Museum.



#### June 24 Debating the Constitution

Step back over 200 years to join the debate over the "new" Constitution. Explore the different sides of the debate in one of the spaces that housed the original discussions. Includes time to research sides and participate in a re-enactment of the debate, complete with costumes and a vote of your own.

